



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Pan et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/259,145

**Filed:** February 26, 1999

**For:** WELL-DRIVE ANNEAL  
TECHNIQUE USING PREPLACEMENT  
OF NITRIDE FILMS FOR ENHANCED  
FIELD ISOLATION

**Examiner:** A. Mai

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**AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Advisory Action mailed June 27, 2000, the period for response to which expires on July 19, 2000.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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